

# Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Portable Ice Skating Rink, the specification of which

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed;

## Prior Foreign Application(s)

| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Claimed |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| Application Serial No. | Day/Month/Year Filed | Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned) |
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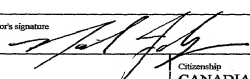
I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution, association, and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

MICHEL SOFIA, Registration No. 37,017; ROBERT MITCHELL, Registration No. 25,007, GUY HOULE, Registration No. 24, 971, PAUL MARCOUX, Registration No. 24,990, KEVIN P. MURPHY, Registration No. 26,674; ROBERT CARRIER, Registration No. 30,726; FRANCE CÔTE, Registration No. 37,037; JAMES ANGLEHART, Reg. No. 38,796;

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I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Full name of sole or first inventor<br><b>Pierre FARLEY</b>                   |  | Inventor's signature<br>  | Date<br><b>1-06-97</b> |
| Residence<br><b>600 de Bogota, Laval, Quebec, Canada H7K 3P1</b>              |  | Citizenship<br><b>CANADIAN</b>                                                                              |                        |
| Post Office address<br><b>600 de Bogota, Laval, Quebec, Canada H7K 3P1</b>    |  |                                                                                                             |                        |
| Full name of second inventor<br><b>Nicolas FARLEY</b>                         |  | Inventor's signature<br> | Date<br><b>1-06-97</b> |
| Residence<br><b>124 Hickson, St-Lambert, Quebec, Canada J4R 2M6</b>           |  | Citizenship<br><b>CANADIAN</b>                                                                              |                        |
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Montreal, Canada

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Pierre Farley and Nicolas Farley

Serial No.: 08/811,925

Filed: March 5, 1997

Title: Portable Ice Skating Rink

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts (see copy enclosed dated June 9, 1997), Applicant now timely submits herewith a duly executed original Declaration from the inventors.

An Assignment from the inventor in favor of "Farley Ice Technologies Inc." is also filed with Form PTO-1595 accompanied by cheque No. 4718 in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recordal of this Assignment.

In view of the aforementioned Assignment, the Office will also find herewith enclosed a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Entity Status for a Small Business Concern.

In view of the above documents, the Government Filing Fee that applies in the present application is that of a Small Entity and the cheque submitted to the Patent Office when the Application was filed on March 5, 1997 in the amount of \$425.00 thus covered the Filing Fee and Extra Claim Fee.

The Office is advised that, at the time of execution of the Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney and of the Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status Form, the application number was not known and the filing date was not official yet, whereby this information does not appear thereon. However, the undersigned Agent of Record herein makes a Statement that the application filed in the United States Patent Office on March 5, 1997 as No. 08/811,925 corresponds to the application which the inventors executed by signing the Declaration and which the Assignee executed by signing the Small Entity Status Form for Small Business Concern. We believe that the enclosed documents contain the required information for identifying the specification as these documents each state the name of the inventors, the title of

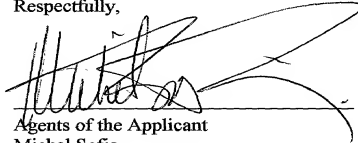
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the invention and are accompanied by the above Statement by the undersigned registered Agent of Record.

Finally, our cheque No. 4719 in the amount of \$65.00 is also enclosed to cover the surcharge for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to account No. 19-5113.

Respectfully,



Agents of the Applicant

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Enc.: Copy of Notice of Missing Parts and Cheque 4719 (\$65.00)  
Inventors Oath/Declaration  
Small Business Concern Declaration  
Assignment and Cheque 4718 (\$40.00)  
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Applicant or Patentee: Pierre FARLEY; Nicolas FARLEY  
Serial or Patent N°.: Atty. Dkt. N°.: 12730-2"US" MJS/LR  
Filed or Issued:  
Title: Portable Ice Skating Rink

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) -- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

☒ (X) the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☐ ( ) an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Farley Ice Technologies Inc.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 1751 Richardson, Suite 3511, Montréal, Québec, Canada H3K 1G6

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled "Portable Ice Skating Rink" by inventor(s) Pierre Farley; Nicolas FARLEY described in

☒ (X) the specification filed herewith

☐ ( ) application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ( ) patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). \* NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ( ) INDIVIDUAL

☐ ( ) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

☐ ( ) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ( ) INDIVIDUAL

☐ ( ) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

☐ ( ) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING NICOLAS FARLEY

TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER PRESIDENT

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 124 HICKSON, ST-LAMBERT, QUEBEC

SIGNATURE NICOLAS FARLEY

DATE 1 June 1997